

"Dig Into Reading" Summer Reading Booklist.

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Albee, Sarah. *Poop Happened! A History of the World from the Bottom Up.* Examines the history of a basic human function--eliminating bodily wastes--from the dawn of western civilization to the twenty-first century. Discusses people's daily lives, some disgusting jobs, home and street sanitation, toilets, and the consequences of improper sewage handling, such as disease, grisly deaths, and plagues. 4 hours, 42 minutes. Read by Bob Moore. 2010.

For grades 5-8.

DB/BARD71657

Appleton, Victor. *Tom Swift in the City of Gold; or, Marvelous Adventures Underground.*

Tom, Mr. Damon, Eradicate Sampson, and Tom's father follow a map in Mexico to find an underground city made of gold. They hope to make their fortune but are lucky to escape with their lives. 4 hours, 5 minutes. Read by Peter Lavezzolli. 1912. For grades 5-8.

RC65948

BARD65948

Arnold, Caroline. *Global Warming and the Dinosaurs: Fossil Discoveries at the Poles*. Discusses fossil evidence and scientific discoveries in Alaska, Canada, Siberia, Antarctica, Australia, New Zealand, and Patagonia showing that dinosaurs lived not just in warm, tropical places but also in the cold and seasonally dark environments of the polar circles. 57 minutes. Read by Kerry Dukin. 2009.

For grades 3-6.

DB/BARD71192

Aronson, Marc, Michael Parker Pearson, Stonehenge Riverside Project (England). If Stone Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge.

Traces the history of archaeological excavation at 4,500-year-old Stonehenge in England. Discusses a Madagascar scientist's belief that the circle of stones was a memorial to the dead, rather than a temple, and British archaeologists' subsequent work to substantiate that opinion. 1 hour, 44 minutes. Read by Patrick Downer. 2010. For grades 5-8.

DB/BARD71683

Brewster, Hugh. Dinosaurs in Your Backyard.

Presents facts learned from fossilized evidence of dinosaur species that roamed the North American continent millions of years ago, like the Stegosaurus of Colorado. Discusses size, eating habits, head crests, skull shapes, tail clubs, raptor claws, and dinosaur descendants. 57 minutes. Read by Julie-Ann Elliott. 2009. For grades 3-6.

DB/BARD69807

Brown, Cynthia L. Discover national monuments, national parks, and natural wonders. Discusses the science and history of national monuments created by natural forces of wind, fire, water, and time--the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, Muir Woods, and Carlsbad Caverns, among others. Associated activities include making a volcano, fossil, petroglyph, stalactite, glacier, and more. 4 hours, 18 minutes. Read by Dan Bloom. 2008.

For grades 3-6.

DB/BARD69027

Collins, Suzanne. The Underland Chronicles.

When eleven-year-old Gregor follows his two-year-old sister through a basement grate in their New York City apartment building, both siblings are hurtled into an underland. Their arrival triggers an epic battle involving humans, bats, cockroaches, rats, and spiders--and a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. Complete series. 40 hours. Read by Andy Pyle. 2007

For grades 4-7.

DB/BARD74333

Coville, Bruce. Dark Whispers.

Seeking to unravel the secret of the enmity between unicorns and delvers, Cara Diana Hunter travels through an underground world to the centaur king's court. Meanwhile Cara's father is on a guest--to free her mother from the Rainbow Prison. Seguel to Song of the Wanderer (RC 52153). 10 hours, 57 minutes. Read by Catherine Byers. 2008.

For grades 4-7.

DB/BARD68170

DiTerlizzi, Tony. The Search for WondLa.

Eva Nine, a twelve-year-old girl, is being raised by Muthr, a robot, in an underground alien world. When this home is destroyed Eva flees, hoping to find another human--her only clue a scrap of paper showing a girl, a robot, an adult, and the word "WondLa." 9 hours, 3 minutes. Read by Jill Fox. 2010.

For grades 5-8.

DB/BARD72285

DiTerlizzi, Tony and Holly Black. *The Seeing Stone: The Spiderwick Chronicles, Book 2.*

Although warned that keeping The Field Guide (RC 56514) about the faerie world will prove dangerous, Jared won't give it up. Then goblins kidnap Simon. Mallory and Jared have scary adventures rescuing him--even with a magic stone to help them see usually invisible creatures. 1 hour, 26 minutes. Read by Kimberly Schraf. 2003.

For grades 2-4.

RC56515

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DuPrau, Jeanne. The diamond of Darkhold.

Lina's trade with a roamer gains Doon a battered old book that alludes to a mysterious device. Lina and Doon return underground to Ember to retrieve the machine, hoping it will help their new community, Sparks. Companion to The People of Sparks (RC 60098, BR 15562). 6 hours, 33 minutes. Read by Colleen Delany. 2008.

For grades 5-8.

DB/BARD68665

Gregory, Kristiana. The Secret of Robber's Cave.

On David's tenth birthday, he and his twelve-year-old brother Jeff paddle their canoe to Lost Island to look for clues to a legend involving a robber, a cave, a sheriff, and stolen treasure. When the boys' nine-year-old cousin Claire joins in, they piece together the truth. 1 hour, 52 minutes. Read by Jack Fox. 2008.

For grades 3-6.

DB/BARD67099

Hannigan, Katherine. Emmaline and the bunny.

Emmaline's family lives in Neatasapin, a tidy town where Emmaline is the only child to hop, jump in puddles, and dig in dirt. Emmaline wants a bunny to play with her and sets out to find one. 51 minutes. Read by Miriam Wagner. 2009.

For grades K-3.

DB/BARD69440

Hoberman, Mary Ann, Linda Winston. *The Tree That Time Built: A Celebration of Nature, Science, and Imagination.*

Anthology of poems for nature lovers with subjects ranging from dinosaurs to earthworms and fossils to butterflies. Poets include William Blake, Emily Dickinson, Carl Sandburg, and Valerie Worth. Features eighteen poets reading their own work. 3 hours, 27 minutes. Read by Jill Fox. 2009.

For grades 3-6 and older readers.

DB/BARD71809

Jackson, Donna M. Extreme scientists: Exploring nature's mysteries from perilous places.

Profiles the work and conditions of three extreme scientists: a meteorologist who flies into the eyes of hurricanes to gather data, a microbiologist who searches unexplored underground caves for microbes, and an ecologist who climbs giant redwoods to study the canopy. 1 hours, 47 minutes. Read by Butch Hoover. 2009.

For grades 4-7.

DB/BARD70072

Lasky, Kathryn. Interrupted Journey: Saving Endangered Sea Turtles.

Follows volunteers in Massachusetts, Florida, and Mexico as they rescue endangered sea turtles, known as Kemp's ridley turtles. Tells about finding stranded turtles on a cold beach, emergency treatment by veterinarians, and returning survivors to the ocean. ASPCA Award. 33 minutes. Read by Dan Bloom. 2001.

For grades 3-6.

RC63200

BARD63200

Lessem, Don, National Geographic Society (U.S.). *The Ultimate Dinopedia: The Most Complete Dinosaur Reference Ever.*

Guide provides information on nearly a hundred dinosaurs--what they ate (plants or meat), where they lived (from the Arctic to the jungle), ways they behaved (some climbed trees) and evolved, and even what color some of them were. Includes quick facts on hundreds of others. 8 hours, 22 minutes. Read by Gary Tipton. 2010. For grades 3-6.

DB/BARD74143

Mallory, Kenneth. Diving to a Deep-Sea Volcano.

Discusses the first discoveries of prolific life-forms surrounding hydrothermal vents and the scientists who made the dives one and one-half miles below the surface of the Pacific Ocean. Describes large tubeworms, giant clams, and other organisms and the miniature submarine Alvin that enabled deep-sea exploration. 1 hour, 48 minutes. Read by Alexander Strain. 2006.

For grades 4-7.

RC63835

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Norton, Mary. The Borrowers.

The Borrowers are little people no taller than a pencil who live in a quiet old house. They discreetly 'borrow' what they need from 'human beans,' who always assume they themselves have lost the missing objects--tiny safety pins, caps of aspirin bottles, ribbons, and beads. First in series. 3 hours, 16 minutes. Read by Pat Jonietz. 1952. For grades 4-7.

RC7809 BARD7809

O'Connor, Jane. *The emperor's silent army: terracotta warriors of Ancient China.* Recounts the archaeological excavation of nearly 7,500 life-size terracotta warrior statues accidently discovered in the People's Republic of China in 1974. Also discusses the emperor who had them created to guard his tomb. 38 minutes. Read by Kerry Cundiff. 2002.

For grades 4-7.

RC55173

BARD55173

Pfeffer, Wendy. Wiggling Worms at Work.

Explains how earthworms eat, crawl, burrow, and reproduce. Describes how they help plants grow. Includes activities. 11 minutes. Read by Mark Ashby. 2004.

For grades K-3.

RC59466 BARD59466

Richards, Douglas E. Trapped.

Rural Pennsylvania. Ryan and his sister Regan discover that their scientist parents are part of Prometheus, a secret project that involves exploring an underground alien city that has hostile technology. When their mother faces death, the children must figure out how to save her. #1 in the Prometheus Project Trilogy. 3 hours, 3 minutes. Read by Kristin Allison. 2004.

For grades 4-7.

DB/BARD66956

Rinker, Sherri Duskey, Tom Lichtenheld. *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site.*Tough trucks work all day long puffing smoke, lifting big metal beams, and moving dirt at a construction site, until they get tuckered out and go to sleep for the night. 9 minutes. Read by Erik Sandvold. 2011.

For preschool-grade 2.

DB/BARD74274

Riordan, Rick. The Red Pyramid.

After his mother's death, Carter Kane follows his Egyptologist father, Julius, across the globe. When they visit the British Museum to reunite with Carter's sister, a mysterious figure banishes Julius, sending the siblings on a dangerous adventure to save their dad. Some violence. Commercial audiobook. 14 hours, 39 minutes. Read by Katherine Kellgren. 2010.

For grades 5-8. DB/BARD71322

Ross, Kathy. Crafts for Kids Who Are Learning about Dinosaurs.

Twenty-two dinosaur-themed projects such as a fossil necklace, a dinosaur puppet, or a hungry Brachiosaurus that use readily available household materials like gift bows, bath scrubbies, paper plates, egg cartons, wooden ice-cream spoons, and aluminum foil. 34 minutes. Read by Kristin Allison. 2008.

For grades 2-4.

DB/BARD67745

Sachar, Louis. Holes.

Stanley Yelnats IV finds himself in a detention center for possessing stolen property that he didn't take. While digging holes under the summer Texas sun, he sees a fellow inmate running away--and follows him. Legends, loyalty, and buried treasure are revealed as Stanley learns to survive. Newbery Medal. 5 hours, 19 minutes. Read by Phil Regensdorf. 1998

For grades 5-8.

DB/BARD47444

Stead, Rebecca. First Light.

New Yorker Peter eagerly joins his parents on their scientific expedition to Greenland, unaware of his mother's secret agenda. Fourteen-year-old Thea, whose community lives there beneath the arctic ice, has never seen the sun or stars. It is time for the two young people to meet. 6 hours, 35 minutes. Read by Erin Jones. 2007.

For grades 5-8.

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